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ABSTRACT

The volumes selected for this annual annotated bibliography of children's books in the social studies: (1) are written primarily for children in grades K-8; (2) emphasize human relations; (3) present an original theme or fresh slant on a traditional topic; (4) are highly readable; and (5) have a pleasing format and, when appropriate, illustrations. Three reading levels--primary, intermediate, and advanced--are used. Books appear in the following categories: North American history, culture, and life; world history and cultures; biography; the examination of origins; rural and business life; environment; and folktales, myths, legends, fables, and stories. (DB)

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The books appearing in this annual bibliography were evaluated and selected by the Book Review Subcommittee of the National Council for the Social Studies—Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee. In general, books selected for this bibliography (1) are written primarily for children in grades K-8; (2) emphasize human relations; (3) present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic; (4) are highly readable; and (5) have a pleasing format and, when appropriate, illustration.

All titles selected for the list were published in 1989. Reading levels are indicated as P = Primary; I = Intermediate; A = Advanced. These levels are general guidelines only and are not meant to be prescriptive. Books are read by several committee members; annotations do not reflect the judgment of all committee members.

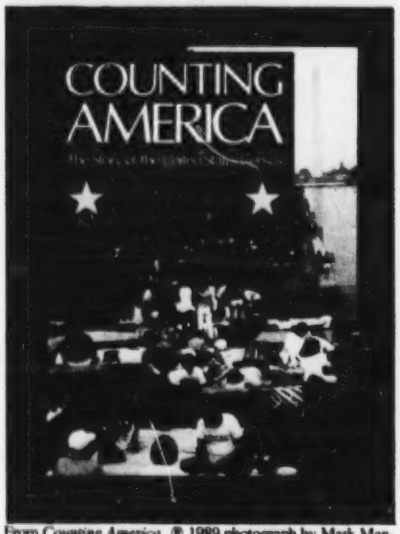
Prices are accurate as of January 1990, but subject to change. Information on paper editions is given when known. The symbol "F" following a paper edition indicates it is forthcoming.

Publishers' names appear in abbreviated form; complete names and addresses are available in such standard reference works as *Literary Market Place* (Bowker). International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included. If a publisher has both a library and trade edition, the ISBN for the library edition is included. Many titles on this list are appropriate for more than one of our categories; they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appear greatest.

Book Review Subcommittee members, whose initials appear at the end of the annotations for which they were responsible, are Arlene F. Gallagher (AFG) [Boston University, Massachusetts]; Jacqueline A. Abbott (JAA) [Professor of Education, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic]; Alvis T. Harthern (ATH) [Early Childhood Department, West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia]; Alita Z. Letwin (AZL) [Director, Educational Services, Center for Civic Education, Calabasas, California]; Richard L. Needham (RLN) [Associate Professor of Elementary Education and Reading, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley]; Susan D. Sciascia (SDS) [Principal, Anna C. Scott Elementary School, Leonia, New Jersey]; Christina B. Woll (CBW) [Library Consultant, Palacios, Texas]; Judith S. Wooster (JSW) [Director, Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education, Stanford University, California]; Myra Zarnowski (MZ) [Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Queens College, New York]; and Jack Zevin (JZ) [Professor of Social Studies Education, Queens College, New York]. The coordinator of the selection committee's work is Jeanette Brod, Vice-President, Children's Book Council.

NORTH AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE AND LIFE

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade: Americans Fighting Fascism in the Spanish Civil War. Don Lawson. Illustrated with photoggraphs. Crowell. 176 pp. ISBN 0-690-04699-5. $11.89. (A.) Well-written, evenhanded treatment describes the effects of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the battalion of American volunteers, in the Spanish civil war. Bibliography. Index. CBW



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American Politics: How it Really Works. Milton Meltzer. Illustrated by David Small. Morrow. 192 pp. ISBN 0-688-07494-4. $12.95. (A.) A straightforward discussion of the pragmatic nature of American politics of the past and the present. Includes chapters on hi-tech campaigning, what Congress does or fails to do, and bureaucrats and whistle-blowers. Bibliography. Index. CBW

Arly. Robert Newton Peck. Walker. 160 pp. ISBN 0-8027-6856-3. $16.95. Paper ed., Scholastic (F). (A.) An illiterate 11-year-old boy's story shows the routine hardships in the lives of pickers in Shack Row, Florida, 1927, and ends with hope offered by the new schoolteacher. SDS

Aurora Means Dawn. Scott Russell Sanders. Illustrated by Jill Kastner. Bradbury. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-778270-0. $12.95. (P & I.) The nine members of the Sheldon family traveling from Connecticut to Ohio in the early 1800s are trapped by a thunderstorm near Aurora, the would-be village where they will build a farm. Includes a note about the historical basis for the author's fiction. JAA

Behind the Headlines: The Story of American Newspapers. Thomas Fleming. Walker. 160 pp. ISBN 0-8027-6891-1. $15.85. (I & A.) Interesting anecdotes and details about the people and events that have influenced one of our democracy's most critical instruments, the newspaper. Bibliography. Index. RLN

The Birth of a Nation: The Early Years of the United States. Doris Faber and Harold Faber. Scribner. 224 pp. ISBN 0-684-19007-9. $13.95. (I & A.) Lively writing style, vivid anecdotal detail, and a chronology with more than 120 entries are features of an examination of the federal government's first ten years. Bibliography. Index. CBW

Chita's Christmas Tree. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard. Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Bradbury. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-744621-2. $13.95. (P.) A turn-of-the-century Christmas in Baltimore as experienced by Chita, the daughter of one of the city's first black doctors. RLN

Counting America: The Story of the United States Census. Melissa Ashabranner and Brent Ashabranner. Illustrated with photographs by Melissa Ashabranner. Putnam. 112 pp. ISBN 0-399-21747-9. $14.95. (A.) The Census, essential to the democratic principle of equal representation, has changed historically. How the Census is conducted, what it is trying to find out, and why it is undertaken are presented in a most interesting way. Glossary. Bibliography. Index. AZL

The Crow. Frederick E. Hoxie. Illustrated with photographs and prints. Chelsea House. 128 pp. ISBN 1-55546-704-0. $17.95. Paper ed., Chelsea House. ISBN 0-7910-0379-5. $9.95. (I & A.) The chronological story of the Great Plains Crow Indians includes tribal origins, the effects of European migration and events through the present day. Glossary. Bibliography. Index. JSW

The Day of the Rainbow. Ruth Craft. Illustrated by Niki Daly. Viking. 32 pp. ISBN 0-670-82456-9. $12.95. Paper ed., Puffin (F). (P.) Lost possessions are found and ethnically diverse urban life is depicted in the joyful illustrations and rhythmic words of a portrait of a big city on a hot summer day. RLN

El Güero: A True Adventure Story. Elizabeth Borton de Treviño. Illustrated by Leslie W. Bowman. Farrar. 112 pp. ISBN 0-374-31995-2. $12.95. (I & A.) Set in the turbulent mid-1800s in Baja California, this adventure is based on the childhood of the author's father-in-law, the son of a judge exiled when Porfirio Diaz seized power in Mexico in 1876. Portrays in detail the land, people, and life in rugged, unsettled Baja. JSW

Gold: The Klondike Adventure. Delia Ray.

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Illustrated with photographs and maps. Lodestar. 96 pp. ISBN 0-525-67288-5. $14.95. (I & A.) Captures the excitement of the 1896-98 gold rush in Canada's Yukon Territory with period photographs that support an accessible text. Glossary. Index. CBW

Grasshopper Summer. Ann Turner. Macmillan. 176 pp. ISBN 0-02-789511-4. $13.95. (I & A.) Set in 1874, 11-year-old Sam tells the story of his family's move from Kentucky to the southern Dakota Territory. Vividly depicts the hardships of the trip. A detailed description of how the family builds a sod house and begins to plant seed brings to life the harsh realities of settling the land. AFG

Have a Happy. . . . Mildred Pitts Walter. Illustrated by Carole Byard. Lothrop. 112 pp. ISBN 0-688-06923-1. $12.95. (I.) Eleven-year-old Chris's Christmas birthday is the novelistic ploy that allows for discussion of Kwanzaa, the Afro-American celebration of cultural heritage. AFG

The Homeless: Profiling the Problem. Margaret O. Hyde. Illustrated with photographs. Enslow. 96 pp. ISBN 0-89490-159-1. $14.95. (A.) This examination of homelessness in America includes the story of Trevor's Place, started by an 11-year-old boy who decided one night to bring blankets to a homeless man in Philadelphia. An informative, sensitive report on a growing segment of the population. Includes information on how to help the homeless and where to go for help. Bibliography. Index. AFG

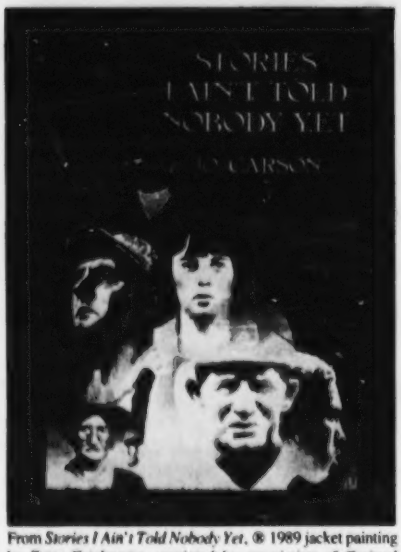
How Proudly They Wave: Flags of The Fifty States. Rita D. Haban. Illustrated with drawings. Lerner. 112 pp. ISBN 0-8225-1799-X. $16.95. (I & A.) Presents background information and the symbolic meaning of the emblems on each state flag. Glossary. SDS

In Two Worlds: A Yup'ik Eskimo Family. Aylette Jenness and Alice Rivers. Illustrated with photographs by Aylette Jenness. Houghton. 96 pp. ISBN 0-395-42797-5. $13.95. (I & A.) A strong, black-and-white photo essay documents change and new patterns of life in a small Alaskan community on the coast of the Bering Sea. Bibliography. Index. CBW

Jenny of the Tetons. Kristiana Gregory. Illustrated with maps. Gulliver. 128 pp. ISBN 0-15-200480-7. $13.95. (I.) Fifteen-year-old Carrie Hill is befriended by English trapper "Beaver Dick," his Indian wife Jenny, and their children after she is orphaned during an Indian raid on her family's wagon train. Though Carrie is fictional, the story is based on excerpts from Richard "Beaver Dick" Leigh's journal. Glossary. Bibliography. ATH

The Lincoln Brigade: A Picture History. William Loren Katz and Marc Crawford. Illustrated with photographs. Atheneum. 96 pp. ISBN 0-689-31406-X. $14.95. (A.) Extensively researched text and detailed personal insights passionately tell the long-debated and controversial story of the approximately 2,800 Americans who participated in the Spanish civil war. Bibliography. Index. RLN

A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter. Patricia McKissack and Fredrick McKissack. Illustrated with photographs and prints. Walker. 160 pp. ISBN 0-8027-6885-7. $18.85. (I & A.) Reports the stormy relationship between the Pullman Company and its black porters with a final chapter that places the porters' fight against unfair labor practices within the context of the Civil Rights Movement. An informative history, though the book itself is poorly edited. Bibliography. Index. MZ



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Miranda and the Movies. Jane Kendall. Illustrated by the author. Crown. 224 pp. ISBN 0-517-57357-1. $14.95. (I.) Twelve-year-old Miranda's adventures when movie making comes to Leewood Heights during the summer of 1914 reveal the technology, creativity, and societal views of early movie making. SDS

Mr. Jordan in the Park. Laura Jane Coats. Illustrated by the author. Macmillan. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-719053-6. $13.95. (P.) The park has offered Mr. Jordan different activities at each stage of his life. In a simple story about urban living and the passage of time, illustrations show changing styles. MZ

My Daniel. Pam Conrad. Harper. 144 pp. ISBN 0-06-021314-0. $12.89. Paper ed., Harper (F). (A.) On her first visit East, a grandmother and her two grandchildren go to the Natural History Museum where grandma reveals an almost unbelievable childhood story about herself and her brother, Daniel, who discovered the skeleton of a huge dinosaur on the Nebraska plains. JZ

No Star Nights. Anna Egan Smucker. Illustrated by Steve Johnson. Knopf. 48 pp. ISBN 0-394-99925-8. $13.99. (P.) A heart-warming account of small town life among mill workers told in retrospect from a child's viewpoint. JZ

An Old-fashioned Thanksgiving. Louisa May Alcott. Illustrated by Michael McCurdy. Holiday House. 32 pp. ISBN 0-8234-0772-1. $14.95. (I & A.) Colored woodblock prints and a story written for *St. Nicholas* magazine in 1881 provide a glimpse of preparations for a family Thanksgiving meal in the New Hampshire hills in the 1820s. JSW

The Old Synagogue. Richard Rosenblum. Illustrated by the author. Jewish Publication Society. 32 pp. ISBN 0-8276-0322-3. $12.95. (I.) Tells of the establishment, decline, and revitalization of a neighborhood and a synagogue founded by European immigrants, with simple text and lively black-and-white drawings. ATH

On Granddeddy's Farm. Thomas B. Allen. Illustrated by the author. Knopf. 48 pp. ISBN 0-394-99613-5. $14.99. (P.) A gentle recollection of childhood summers in the Tennessee hills during the 1930s recalls the daily routines of farm life amidst a loving, extended family. SDS

The Other 1492: Jewish Settlement in the New World. Norman H. Finkelstein. Illustrated with prints. Scribner. 112 pp. ISBN 0-684-18913-5. $12.95. (I & A.) Presents in brilliant and often disturbing detail the seldom-told story of the Jewish expulsion from Spain after a glorious golden age in the Moslem kingdom of Al-Andalus. Bibliography. Index. JZ

Penny in the Road. Katharine Wilson Precek. Illustrated by Patricia Cullen-Clark. Macmillan. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-774970-3. $14.95. (P & I.) A grandfather talks about the 1793 penny he found on a dirt road in 1913 and the boy he imagines was its previous owner. SDS

Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl. Kate Waters. Illustrated with photographs by Russ Kendall. Scholastic. 32 pp. ISBN 0-590-42634-6. $12.95. (P.) A full-color photo essay that recreates a day in the life of a real, 9-year-old girl whose life on Plimoth Plantation in 1627 has been verified in several journals and histories of the period. Glossary. RLN

Silver Days. Sonia Levitin. Atheneum. 192 pp. ISBN 0-689-31563-5. $13.95. (A.) A German-Jewish family that escaped Nazi Germany struggles between assimilation and cultural identity when it first settles in a New York tenement and then in California. JZ

Spanish Pioneers of the Southwest. Joan Anderson. Illustrated with photographs by George Ancona. Lodestar. 64 pp. ISBN 0-525-67264-8. $13.95. (I & A.) Recreates a day's events for eighteenth-century Miguel in a black-and-white photo essay that explores the Hispanic cultural roots of the Southwest on El Rancho de las Golondrinas, the site of an early settlement near Santa Fe, New Mexico. Glossary. RLN

Sweetgrass. Jan Hudson. Philomel. 160 pp. ISBN 0-399-21721-5. $13.95. (I & A.) A compelling story of a 15-year-old Canadian Blackfoot Indian girl who saves her family from a smallpox epidemic, proving to her father that she is old enough to marry. Based on records from the winter of 1837-38. Bibliography. ATH

Voices from the Civil War: A Documentary History of the Great American Conflict. Edited by Milton Meltzer. Illustrated with prints. Crowell. 224 pp. ISBN 0-690-04802-5. $13.89. (I & A.) Captures the passions, pains, and prejudices of people who experienced the most divisive conflict of American history in brief passages and moving excerpts from pri-

mary sources. Sections include a note about the person speaking and the events involved. Bibliography. Index. RLN

The White House. Leonard Everett Fisher. Illustrated with photographs and diagrams. Holiday House. 96 pp. ISBN 0-8234-0774-8. $14.95. (I.) Traces the architectural history of the White House and changing presidential styles from the beginning of construction in 1792 to today. Index. CBW

WORLD HISTORY AND CULTURES

Bread, Bread, Bread. Ann Morris. Illustrated with photographs by Ken Heyman. Lothrop. 32 pp. ISBN 0-688-06335-7. $12.88. (P.) Well-selected, full-color photographs of people around the world making, eating, and sharing bread provide an effective introduction to a global perspective. Location of photographs identified. JSW

The Calypso Alphabet. John Agard. Illustrated by Jennifer Bent. Holt. 32 pp. ISBN 0-8050-1177-3. $13.95. (P.) Combines short, lilting text built around alphabetically arranged words indigenous to the Caribbean Islands with bright, scratchboard illustrations to give a lively picture of island life. JSW

The Chalk Doll. Charlotte Pomerantz. Illustrated by Frané Lessac. Lippincott. 32 pp. ISBN 0-397-32319-0. $12.89. (P.) A mother shares stories from her childhood in Jamaica to form a bond and a cultural connection with her daughter, while the reader listens in. JSW

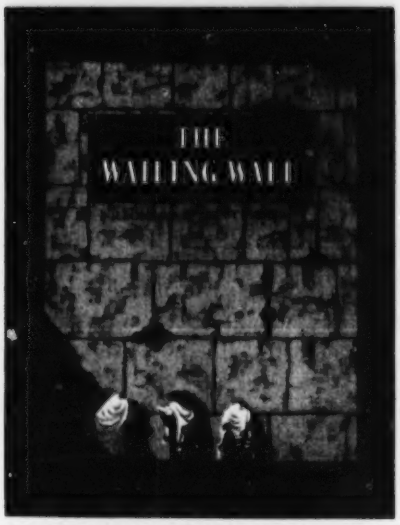
A Children's Chorus. Dutton. 32 pp. ISBN 0-525-44545-5. $12.95. (P & I.) Brings to life each of the ten principles of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child in a thirtieth anniversary edition by eleven illustrators from around the world. Includes text of the declaration. RLN

Exploring the Past: The Middle Ages. Catherine Oakes. Illustrated by Stephen Biesty. Gulliver. 64 pp. ISBN 0-15-200451-3. $13.95. (I.) Portrays medieval life, living conditions, customs, institutions, and people in informative text and extensive illustrations. A large format overview spans nearly 1,000 years of history. Includes a time chart. Index. Also recommended is an additional title in the same format: ***Exploring the Past: Ancient Egypt.*** George Hart. ISBN. 0-15-200449-1. RLN.

Flag. William Crampton. Illustrated with photographs by Martin Plomer and Karl Shone. Knopf. 64 pp. ISBN 0-394-92255-7. $13.99. (I & A.) A concise and informative account of the symbolic meanings and varied uses of flags in political and social circles. Colorful graphics throughout. Index. SDS

The Forty-Third War. Louise Moeri. Houghton. 208 pp. ISBN 0-395-50215-2. $13.95. (A.) A novel that chronicles eight days in the life of a 12-year-old who finds himself conscripted with little warning into the revolutionary forces at war in an unnamed Central American country. CBW

The Four Questions. Lynne Sharon Schwartz. Illustrated by Ori Sherman. Dial. 32 pp. ISBN 0-8037-0601-4. $15.89. (P & I.) Recalls the Passover story of slavery, plague, and death as well as escape, hope, and joy as text explains the meaning of the Jewish holiday and the four questions. Colorful, symbolic paintings invite careful inspection. MZ



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The Inside-Outside Book of London. Roxie Munro. Illustrated by the author. Dutton. 48 pp. ISBN 0-525-44522-6. $13.95. (P.) Beautiful illustrations capture the unique sights and character of one of the world's most historic and important cities. Includes notes on sites depicted in double-page spreads. RLN

Is Anybody Up? Ellen Kandoian. Illustrated by the author. Putnam. 32 pp. ISBN 0-399-21749-5. $14.95. (P.) The early morning activities of a young girl on the East Coast of North America and brief descriptions of breakfast for a variety of people and animals that populate the same time zone from Baffin Bay to Antarctica provide an effective introduction to time zones and cultural comparisons. RLN

The Land and the People of Afghanistan. Mary Louise Clifford. Illustrated with photographs and maps. Lippincott. 240 pp. ISBN 0-397-32339-5. $14.89. (A.) An overview of the geography, history, and cultural traditions of a modern-day nation with a turbulent past of invasion and conquest. Bibliography. Index. Also recommended are three additional titles in the Portraits of the Nations Series: ***The Land and People of China.*** John S. Major. ISBN 0-397-32337-9; ***The Land and People of France.*** Jonathan Harris. ISBN 0-397-32321-2; and ***The Land and People of Kenya.*** Michael Maren. ISBN 0-397-32335-2. JSW

Lisa's War. Carol Matas. Scribner. 128 pp. ISBN 0-684-19010-9. $12.95. Paper ed., Scholastic (F). (I & A.) A sensitive, realistic story of 12-year-old Lisa's family life and underground activities in Copenhagen during the German occupation of Denmark that began in 1940. SDS

My Name Is Not Angelica. Scott O'Dell. Houghton. 144 pp. ISBN 0-395-51061-9. $14.95. (I & A.) In a moving historical novel, 16-year-old Raisha, snatched from her African home, finds herself on a slave ship going to St. John, West Indies. Though her life as a house slave on her Danish master's plantation is better than that of most other slaves, she joins in the daring slave revolt of 1733-34. ATH

Number the Stars. Lois Lowry. Houghton. 144 p. ISBN 0-395-51060-0. $12.95. (I.) The steps taken by 10-year-old Annemarie's family to protect Jewish friends exemplify courageous efforts by Danes who, in a matter of weeks in 1943, smuggled nearly 7,000 Jews across the sea to safety in Sweden. The 1990 Newbery Medal Book. ATH.

Once Upon a Horse: A History of Horses—and How They Shaped Our History. Suzanne Jurmain. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Lothrop. 176 pp. ISBN 0-688-05550-8. $15.95. (I & A.) A handsome, black-and-white history of horses that details their importance to people of many cultures and their many uses. Bibliography. Index. JSW

Panama Canal: Gateway to the World. Judith St. George. Illustrated with photographs. Putnam. 160 pp. ISBN 0-399-21637-5. $15.95. (A.) Portrays vividly the ten-year struggle to buid the waterway in tales of political intrigue, danger, dread diseases, and also feats of great daring and technical skill. Bibliography. Index. JZ.

The Season of Secret Wishes. Iva Procházková; translated by Elizabeth D. Crawford. Lothrop. 224 pp. ISBN 0-688-08735-3. $12.95. (I & A.) The 11-year-old daughter of a Prague sculptor experiences the fear, secrecy, and camaraderie of life in a repressive society when her family moves into a new neighborhood. JZ

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind. Suzanne Fisher Staples. Knopf. 256 pp. ISBN 0-394-94815-7. $13.99. Paper ed., Knopf (F). (A.) In a beautifully realized portrait of nomadic life in the Cholistan Desert along the India-Pakistan border, a first-person novel details the trials and tribulations of 11-year-old Shabanu as she faces unwanted marriage in a traditional society. Glossary. A 1990 Newbery Honor Book. JZ.

The Story of Hanukkah. Amy Ehrlich. Illustrated by Ori Sherman. Dial. 24 pp. ISBN 0-8037-0615-4. $14.89. (P.) The victory of the Maccabees who defeated Antiochus' soldiers and reclaimed, cleansed, and rekindled the lights in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem is presented with colorful, dramatic illustrations. JZ

Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust. Eve Bunting. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Jewish Publication Society. 32 pp. ISBN 0-8276-0325-8. $10.95. (I.) A revised edition of the allegorical tale in which, group by group, animals disappear from the forest while others look away. Little Rabbit survives to tell others about the horror. JSW

The Wailing Wall. Leonard Everett Fisher. Illustrated by the author. Macmillan. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-735310-9. $14.95. (P.) Stark, dramatic drawings and a stately, measured text bring to life the history of the Wailing Wall, a remnant of the Second Temple in Jerusalem that stands today as a reminder of the ravages of past events and a symbol of present-day problems. JZ

The Canada Geese Quilt. Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Illustrated by Leslie W. Bowman. Cobblehill. 64 pp. ISBN 0-525-65004-0. $11.95. Paper ed., Dell (F). (I.) A moving story focuses on the cycles of life and the relationship between 10-year-old Ariel and her grandmother. A specially designed handmade quilt becomes a symbol of love and hope for the girl. JSW

The Christmas Cup. Nancy Ruth Patterson. Illustrated by Leslie Bowman. Orchard. 80 pp. ISBN 0-531-08421-3. $13.99. Paper ed., Scholastic (F). (I.) As 8-year-old Megan and her grandmother secretly collect coins in a cup and select possible recipients of an anonymous Christmas gift, they learn to understand people in their community who are often overlooked or misunderstood. AFG

A Country Far Away. Nigel Gray. Illustrated by Philippe Dupasquier. Orchard. 32 pp. ISBN 0-531-08392-6. $12.99. (P.) The parallel lives of an African boy who lives in a rural village and a Western boy who lives in a city are portrayed in one simple, first person narrative with two sets of illustrations in each double-page spread. AZL

Elmer. David McKee. Illustrated by the author. Lothrop. 32 pp. ISBN 0-688-09172-5. $12.88. Paper ed., Mulberry (F). (P.) A patchwork elephant who brings happiness to others in his herd longs to look like other elephants, until experience teaches him to celebrate his difference. A delightful story about the joy of diversity and the contribution it makes to society. AZL.

Emotional Illness in Your Family: Helping Your Relative, Helping Yourself. Harvey R. Greenberg. Macmillan. 336 pp. ISBN 0-02-736921-8. $16.95. (A.) A serious discussion of mental illness and its effects on family life with guidelines on recognizing and coping with unusual and erratic behavior and advice on remaining healthy in the face of abnormality. Includes a listing of mental health-related organizations. Bibliography. Index. JZ

Family Pose. Dean Hughes. Atheneum. 192 pp. ISBN 0-689-31396-9. $13.95. Paper ed., with the revised title ***Family Picture.*** Scholastic. ISBN 0-590-43356-3. $2.75. (A.) After being passed from one institution to another, 11-year-old David runs away and lives in the streets until he sneaks into a hotel and is befriended by a bellhop. David finds a new family and self-acceptance with the hotel workers who come together because they care about this orphan. AFG

Freya's Fantastic Surprise. Libby Hathorn. Illustrated by Sharon Thompson. Scholastic. 32 pp. ISBN 0-590-42442-4. $12.95. (P.) Freya tells a series of lies at News Time until mom's news of the new baby vindicates her in a fresh presentation of the struggle between making oneself important and telling the truth. JAA

The Great Ancestor Hunt: The Fun of Finding Out Who You Are. Lila Perl. Illustrated with drawings by Erika Weihs and photographs. Clarion. 112 pp. ISBN 0-89919-745-0. $15.95. (I & A.) An upbeat look at tracing family history includes a fine historical background about many immigrant groups and sources for future genealogical investigation. Bibliography. Index. JAA

Harpoon Island. Pieter Van Raven. Scribner. 160 pp. ISBN 0-684-19092-3. $12.95. (I.) On the eve of World War I, a powerful story set on a rugged east coast island illustrates how stereotypes and prejudice affect the lives of a schoolmaster of German descent and his autistic son. JSW

Hedgehog for Breakfast. Ann Turner. Illustrated by Lisa McCue. Macmillan. 32 pp. ISBN 0-02-789241-7. $13.95. (P.) A delightful story based on a mistaken interpretation of meaning when Papa fox says, "I'd like to have Mrs. Hedgehog for breakfast." MZ

Here Comes the Cat. Frank Asch and Vladimir Vagin. Illustrated by the authors. Scholastic. 32 pp. ISBN 0-590-41859-9. $11.95. (P.) A bilingual, well-illustrated story of a village of mice who anticipate the coming of the cat. This collaboration between an American and a Soviet can be read on many levels. JSW

How Pizza Came to Queens. Dayal Kaur Khalsa. Illustrated by the author. Clarkson Potter. 32 pp. ISBN 0-517-57126-9. $13.95. (P.) A warm, funny story about intergenerational and cross-cultural acceptance and how Mrs. Pellegrino, a visitor from Italy, introduced pizza to four girls and the neighborhood. JAA

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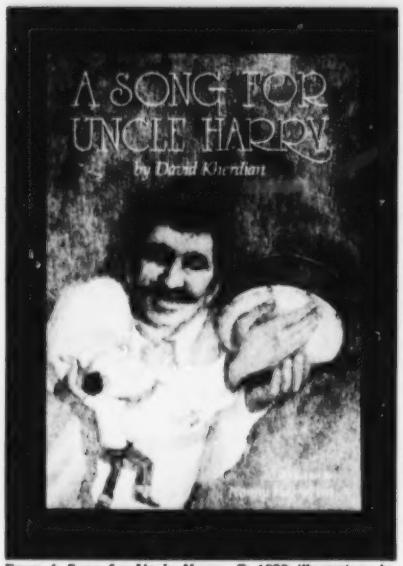

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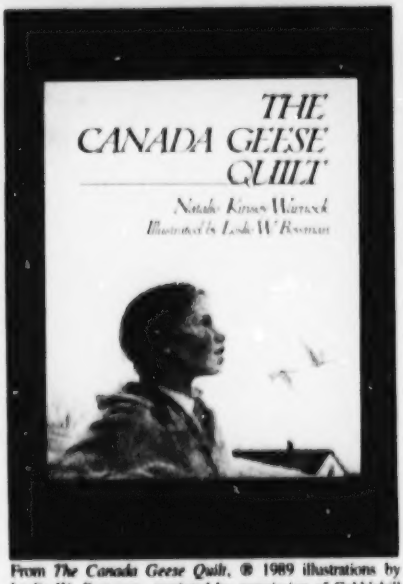

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